

Fighting The Deprogrammers 1978

part one

Face-Off tv show

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Jayadvaita das

Does deprogramming violate an individual's freedom ?

part two

Westchester news conference radio show

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1978-79 radio program interviews

Deprogramming is a process by which young people who have joined a religious cult, like the Moonies or Hare Krsnas, have been physically taken away from the cult and then subjected to intense counseling until they give up the cult's religious beliefs. The deprogrammers are hired by parents primarily to claim a parental right to rescue their children from the mind control or brainwashing of these cults.

The words of Jayadvaita dasa in 1978:

This Krishna Consciousness Movement is a culture of spiritual life which is thousands and thousands of years old and which is based primarily on two important books of spiritual knowledge, very

well-known books of spiritual knowledge, one is the Bhagavad-gita and the other is Srimad Bhagavatam.

These two books were written down many thousands of years ago in India and the teachings of these books have been handed down by a succession of teachers called acharyas or spiritual masters whose duty it is to present the teaching of the book as the book itself presents it, not to add anything and not to subtract anything, just to teach what the book says. So one teacher teaches his disciple, that disciple teaches the next disciple in turn and it goes on in a kind of disciplic succession.

So, the present representative of this disciplic succession, who has come to the United States some ten years ago to bring this Hare Krishna Movement to the United States, is my spiritual teacher His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada, as he is known, is a very well-known, very distinguished scholar and author and translator of Vedic literature. He's written now about 60 large books, about 400 pages each, from original Sanskrit and Bengali literature. The books are presented in the most thorough scholarly fashion and the books are being received so well that 95% of American college libraries have at least one of our Bhaktivedanta Book Trust publications.

